

COUNTRY	Germany	TOPIC	Military Information from Saalfeld	25X1
EVALUATION	25X1	PLACE OBTAINED		25X1
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REMARKS				

25X1 The Infanterie Kaserne in Saalfeld (M 51/J 53) was only lightly occupied during the period from 4 to 10 March 1952. There were only about 150 to 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets in the installation. No soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were observed during the period of observation. Only about 50 percent of the windows of the two buildings located in the southeast corner on the road were lighted after nightfall. Between 60 and 70 soldiers were seen practicing with rifles on 5 March. On 10 March, about 50 men were seen singing and about 50 men were off duty. Trucks [ ] were seen at the gate of the installation. One truck was half loaded with baggage. About 50 to 60 soldiers, some of them with arms, were seen near the truck. Several pieces of baggage lay on the ground. There was no change in the situation about 90 minutes later. [ ]

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